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1. CASE NO. A203949: IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY, PRESIDENT KURAMOCHI OF NIPPON IC INC. (NIC), NO. 4-2-2, SENDAGAYA, SHIBUYA-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN, STATED 2,650 PCS OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (IC'S) UNDER INVESTIGATION WILL BE DIRECTLY IMPORTED BY NIC FROM MONOLITHIC MEMORIES INC. (MMI), AND WILL BE DELIVERED TO SEGA ENTERPRISES LTD. (SEL), NO. 1-12-10, HANEDA, OHTA-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN, THROUGH NIC'S DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION AGENT, TECHTRON INC., NEW HANWA BLDG, NO. 1-13-10, TSUKIJI, CHUO-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN.

MR. WASAI, MATERIAL PROCUREMENT DEPT OF SEL CONFIRMED ABOVE PURCHASE SCHEDULE AND STATED SUBJECT IC'S WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO ABOUT 400 UNITS OF ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT MACHINES AT ITS HEAD PLANT LOCATED AT SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE HEAD OFFICE. HE ADDED MOST OF 400 MACHINES INTO WHICH SUBJECT IC'S ARE INCORPORATED WILL BE SOLD DIRECTLY TO DOMESTIC AMUSEMENT CENTERS, AND A SMALL PORTION OF THEM MAY BE EXPORTED TO WEST GERMANY, FRANCE OR THE UK, ALTHOUGH NO CONCRETE ORDERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS OF THIS DATE. OUR INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT SEL, ESTABLISHED IN 1951, IS KNOWN AS JAPAN'S LARGEST ASSEMBLERS SPECIALIZING IN GAME
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MACHINES OF VARIOUS TYPES, WITH ANNUAL SALES OF 10

BILLION YEN IN 1975 AND EXPORTS A SMALL PART OF ITS PRODUCTION(6,000 UNITS ANNUALLY) TO WEET EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

2. CASE NO. A204127: MR. KURAMOCHI OF NIC STATED 400 PCS OF MMI-MADE IC'S UNDER INVSTIGATION WILL BE DIRECTLY DELIVERED TO NIKKYO ELECTRIC INDUSTRY CO., LTD. (NEI), NO. 807, FUTOO-CHO, KOHOKU-KU, YOKOHAMA CITY, JAPAN. MR. KAWASAKI, CHIEF OF MATERIALS DEPT OF NEI CONFIRMED ABOVE PURCHASE SCHEDULE AND STATED SUBJECT IC'S WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO PRINTERS FOR MODEL TOSBAC-1350 SMALL-SIZED COMPUTERS UNDER TOSHIBA BRAND, AT ITS HEAD PLANT LOCATED AT ABOVE ADDRESS AND WILL BE DIRECTLY DELIVERED TO OHME PLANT OF TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC CO., LTD. (TOSHIBA), NO. 9, SUEHIRO-CHO 2-CHOME, OHME CITY, TOKYO, JAPAN. ESTABLISX IN 1952 AND CAPITALIZED AT 150 MILLION YEN, NEI IS EXCLUSIVE ASSEMBLER OF TOSHIBA-BRAND COMPUTERS AS SUBCONTRACTOR OF TOSHIBA, ONE OF LARGEST MANUFACTUERS OF ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IN JAPAN. MR. AITO, MARKETING DEPT OF TOSHIBA TOKYO HEAD OFFICE CONFIRMED THAT NONE OF TOSBAC-1350 SERIES MARKETING SINCE 1973 HAS BEEN SOLD ABROAD, NOR WILL ANY BE EXPORTED IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. CASE NO. A204134: MR. KURAMOCHI OF NIC STATED 80 PCS OF MMI'S IC'S UNDER INVESTIGATION WILL BE DIRCTLY DELIVERED TO KOBE WORKS OF MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP. (MEC), NO. 1-1-2, WADASAKI-CHO, HYOGO-KU, KOBE CITY, HYOGO PREF, JAPAN. MR. HONMA, PURCHASING GROUP, MATERIALS DEPT OF MEC TOKYO HEAD OFFICE, WHICH PURCHASES MATERIALS FOR ALL MEC PLANTS, CONFIRMED ABOVE TRIAL PURCHASE OF 80 PCS (30 PCS OF TYPE 6701D AND 50 PCS OF 6301-1J) FROM NIC AND STATED THOSE IC'S WILL BE INCORPORATED AT KOBE WORKS INTO MICRO-PROCESSORS TO BE USED FOR VARIOUS CONTROL APPARATUS AND SOLD TO DOMESTIC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANIES AND/OR MACHINE FACTORIES. HE ADDED THAT NONE OF THOSE MICRO-PROCESSORS INTO WHICH SUBJECT IC'S ARE INCORPORATED WILL BE EXPORTED ABROAD AND THAT IS FUTURE PURCHASE OF MMI-MADE IC'S WIL BE LIMITED TO VERY SMALL QUANTITY; THEIR KOBE WORKS PLANS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ADOPT IC'S DEVELOPED BY MEC ITSELF FROM OCT 1976.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE TO MMI. WTDR IS BEING FORWARDED ON NIC, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1968 AS IMPORTER OF ELECTRONIC PARTS.

5. PRESIDENT KURAMOCHI OF NIC ALSO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (A) NIC HAS BEEN IMPORTING IC'S FROM INTEL

CORP, ANTA CLARA, CALIF, IN PAST AND ABOVE THREE LOTS UNDER INVESTIGATION ARE FIRST ONES IMPORTED BY NIC FROM MMI; (B) MMI HAS HAD NO EXCLUSIVE IMPORT AGENT IN JAPAN, ?75 7,58) 3,\$ 9* 1975, IMPORT INTO JAPAN OF IC'S FROM MMI HAS BEEN HANDLED ONLY BY MARUBENI ELECTRONIC CO, LTD, WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF MARUBENI CORP, JAPAN'S THIRD LARGEST TRADING FIRM. SINCE BEGINNING OF 1976, HOWEVER, NIC HAS ALSO BEGUN TO IMPORT FROM MMI, WHICH HAS BEEN SEEKING OTHER IMPORTERS IN JAPAN BECAUSE MARUBENI'S ORDER-TALKING HAS BEEN RATHER INACTIVE; AND (C) MMI INTENDS TO ESTABLISH ITS WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY NAMED MMI JAPAN LTD. (MMIJ), WITHIN NIC'S OFFICE ON JUNE 1, 1976 AS EXCLUSIVE IMPORTER OF MMI-MADE IC'S IN JAPAN. ACCORDINGLY, MMIJ, CONCURRENTLY PRESIDED BY PRESIDENT KURAMOCHI OF NII, WILL ACT AS SOLE IMPORTER OF MMI'S IC'S IN JAPAN AFTER JUNE, REPLACING BOTH NIC AND MARUBENI ELECTRONICS.
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